

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **December 16, 2003**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 8

CONSENT: **X**

REGULAR:

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE:

RECOMMENDATION: Amend and reenact the City Code by adopting the updated version of the Statewide Fire Prevention Code.

SUMMARY: The new Statewide Fire Prevention Code became effective on October 1 2003. This Code prescribes standards to safeguard life and property from fire or explosion which arises from improper maintenance and/or unsafe use/handling of life safety and fire prevention/protection devices, systems, and materials, including explosives and blasting agents.

Action is needed to realign and to assure compatibility of local statutes with this updated Code. The updated code is the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code (International Fire Code 2000 Edition with Virginia Amendments) and is a companion document to the Virginia Uniform State Building Code (International Building Code 2000 Edition with Virginia Amendments).

The Virginia Board of Housing and Community Development reviews the statewide building and fire codes. Local governments are authorized to adopt fire prevention regulations that are more restrictive or more extensive in scope than the Statewide Fire Prevention Code so long as such regulations affect neither the manner of construction nor the materials used in the erection , alteration, repairs, or use of a building or structure. Any provision of the Statewide Fire Prevention Code which is in conflict with the Uniform State Building Code or any other applicable laws of the Commonwealth, is invalid.

PRIOR ACTION(S): City Council adopted the 1996 version of the Statewide Fire Prevention Code August 12, 1997.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no anticipated fiscal impact.

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ATTACHMENT(S): VSFPC Code Ordinance

REVIEWED BY: lkp

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 19-42 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG, 1981, THE AMENDED AND REENACTED SECTION RELATING GENERALLY TO THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG:

1. That Section 19-42 of the Code of the City of Lynchburg, 1981, be and the same is hereby amended and reenacted as follows:

Sec. 19-42 Adoption of code.

For the purposes of establishing rules and regulation to safeguard life, and property and public welfare from the hazards of substances, materials or devices and from conditions hazardous to life, property or public welfare in the use of or occupancy of buildings, structures, sheds, tents, lots or premises, that certain fire prevention code known as the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code ~~1996~~ 2000 edition, and the whole thereof, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified, amended, added or changed is hereby adopted and incorporated, subject to the aforesaid deletions, modifications, amendments, additions and changes as fully as if set out at length herein, including all appendices. Copies of said code are on file in the office of the chief of the fire department of the City of Lynchburg, Virginia, at 800 Madison Street in the city, where they may be viewed on weekdays between the following hours, viz Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Said Virginia Statewide Fire Preventions Code ~~1996~~ 2000 edition, as so amended, is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein, and on and after the date on which this section shall take effect, the provisions thereof shall be controlling within the corporate limits of the City of Lynchburg, Virginia.

2. That this ordinance shall be retroactive and shall be effective as of October 1, 2003.

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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